



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 14, 2006

10:00 a.m.

**South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Board Room
800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
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**Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
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Carolyn Dekle, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Roger Del Rio, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Mario Garcia, Miami-Dade Transit
Jose Mesa, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
Catondra Noye, Broward County Transit
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Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Nancy Ziegler, FDOT, District IV**

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PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2006

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., and will be held in the Board Room of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Administrative Offices, 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to complete an “Appearance Card” and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see the Minutes Clerk prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
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C1 – **MOTION TO APPROVE:** Minutes of PTAC Meeting of December 14, 2005

REGULAR AGENDA
Those matters included under the Regular Agenda differ from the Consent Agenda in that items will be voted on individually. In addition, presentations will be made on each motion, if so desired.

R1 – **MOTION TO APPROVE:** 2006 Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS
Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

I1 – **INFORMATION:** Southeast Florida Transportation Council

I2 – **INFORMATION:** Broward County Transit Funding Initiative

I3 – **INFORMATION:** 2006 State Legislative Initiatives Briefing

OTHER BUSINESS

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2005

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 in the Board Room of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Administrative Offices located at 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), PTAC Chair
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Roger Del Rio, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Mr. David Daniels, Broward County Transit (BCT)
Mr. Mario Garcia, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Mr. Jeff Weidner, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV (FDOT)
Mr. John Krane, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV (FDOT)
Ms. Nancy Ziegler, Florida Department of Transportation District IV (FDOT)
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)
Ms. Lynn Everett-Lee, South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)
Mr. Enrique Zelaya, Broward County Regional Planning Organization (MPO)
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI (FDOT)
Mr. Gustavo Schmidt, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV (FDOT)

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Scott Seeburger, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV (FDOT)
Mr. Carlos Roa, Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Ms. Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation District IV (FDOT)
Mr. Steve Braun, Florida Department of Transportation District IV (FDOT)
Ms. Mayra Diaz, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Mr. Dan Glickman, Citizen
Ms. Michelle M'Sadoques, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Cheryl Clark, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Lynda Kompelien Westin, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Loraine Cargill, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Mr. William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
Ms. Bonnie Silverman, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The Committee Chair requested a roll call by the Minutes Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

Mr. Randy Whitfield announced that another item will be added to the Agenda, Item I-4: South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study. A motion was made to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kim Delaney. The Committee Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

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None.

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of October 19, 2005

A motion was made for approval of the Minutes. The motion was seconded.

The Committee Chair called for further discussion and/or opposition to the motion. Upon hearing none, the Committee Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

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There are no items.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 - INFORMATION: SFRTA 2006-2010 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update

Jonathan Roberson went over the information about the first RTA Transit Development Plan (TDP) for 2006-2010 and copies were given out to all of the Board members. He explained that basically this was done as a five-year plan, in particular with more of a focus on the infrastructure, our stations, and our supportive feeder bus service and is a potential kind of wish list for that infrastructure for this time period. Basically by completing this Plan, which the Board approved, we can access about \$600,000 a year in State Public Transit Block Grant Funds. Our Operations Committee next month is going to decide which Feeder Bus routes should go to the Double-Tracking Corridor service next year among other things. Mr. Roberson stated further that we compare pretty well operationally under normal operational time periods with other commuter rail systems in the country and we have pretty good rider ship surveys of each station which were compared to the same types of questions and information used from the year 2000 to 2004.

Mr. Roberson discussed Page 9 of the Executive Summary which is really the focus of the “wish list”, and focus for all of the State Block Grant funding that we will be receiving, along with some other FDOT Feeder Bus funding and is the first of six or seven routes suggested here on this page 9; those are really the top priority for next Spring that meets the 20 and 30-minute service. The Delray Station, Pompano Station and the Deerfield Station did receive SIS growth management funding. He advised that \$2 million is unfunded and \$1 million is funded.

The additional feeder bus service will be funded by the RTA with their Block Grants and District IV, but we agreed to do three years and then District IV will pull back. FDOT is already paying for 100% of the service now between District IV and District VI, and then they will be looking to the locals to start participating for another three years.

In response to some questions and comments made, Jonathan Roberson mentioned that we will be going from 30 to 48 trains when full service of the 20 or 30 minute service actually starts. He went on to discuss different points about Table 6.1 in the Plan and talked about a funding agreement that goes to the Palm Beach MPO and the RTA Board next month to start a rapid central Palm Beach Corridor Study basically from Okeechobee to Southern Boulevard Corridor. This is a feasibility study for Rapid Bus and this study

will start probably in February and this Committee will be seeing more on that. Jonathan spoke about some of the unfunded projects and funded projects within the five-year window from the Development Plan.

The Committee Chair moved discussions to the next item on the Agenda.

12. - INFORMATION: SFRTA 2006 State Legislative Priorities Update

Michelle M'Sadoques, Legislative Program Manager, did a presentation on SFRTA's 2006 Legislative Priorities. The packet given out includes information about where South Florida is and where it is going in its growth on mobility. There is a great need for mass transportation, as we will have an additional three million population increase over the next twenty years joining us and we rank third in the most densely populated metropolitan areas in the country. The projects in the folders given out are pretty detailed, and all of the projects have been divided by Senate-House Districts. The cost for these projects is three to five billion dollars to meet our transit needs and more than \$100 million for annual operating costs and this year we are going for our dedicated funding source. Ms. M'Sadoques advised that we need a dedicated source to be able to go to Washington to leverage our federal funds. Also we need this dedicated source to fund our operational costs for the next fiscal year. We need at least \$50 million and we have a breakdown of what we need and where we will get it from. Regarding the legislative Bill, Michelle M'Sadoques stated that the Bill does not state where we will get the funding source from, and we have options that we are researching and working on to put forth to our sponsors. We will be going before the Transportation Delegation as well as going to each County Commissioner and asking them to support a Resolution for a dedicated source. Ms. M'Sadoques advised Board members that we have been working the local network as well as Tallahassee and on up to D.C.

Some projects are already in the study phase and will be approaching the FTA soon. It seems to be what can be leveraged from the State and Federal sources, along with our local source and any other local sources that might determine a priority in the near future.

There was some further discussion about various funding sources, the Broward County One Penny Sales Tax, and the various projects and their priorities in the three counties.

The Committee Chair moved discussions to the next item on the agenda.

13. - INFORMATION: FDOT I-595 PD&E Update

Steve Braun of the Department of Transportation, District IV, presented an overview of the I-595 PD&E Study. This project is a District IV priority project which has connections to I-75, Sawgrass Expressway, Interstate 95 and Florida Turnpike, as well as the airport, seaport, and is a link in connections to Tri-Rail. The limits of the roadway project are from I-75 to I-95. There have been kick-off meetings, inter-agency meetings, public workshops and most recently, at the end of November, a formal Public Hearing which solicited additional public comments.

Mr. Braun stated that they are expecting to get location design acceptance in June of 2006 and expect approval of the PD&E phase and to move on from there as early as July of 2006 into final design and also

pre-construction beginning as early as 2010 or 2011. He further discussed the two studies which are somewhat to the federal level—the Transit Study and the Roadway Study. The key components of the Roadway PD&E Study and the alternatives that were presented at the public hearing included reversible lanes serving express lanes from I-75 and Sawgrass Expressway to points east of State Road 7. One of the alternatives presented has a direct connection to the Florida Turnpike as well, from those reversible lanes and the Turnpike interchange improvements including a new westbound to northbound ramp to the Turnpike and then a collective distributive system in conjunction with the continuous connection on State Road 84.

Whatever roadway improvements which had to be done as part of this study, it was important to consider and integrate the transit alternative within that in a way that meets the two studies that preclude the other components from ever happening. There was a lot of coordination with Scott Seeburger and his team over the course of the PD&E Study. As they began to evaluate the alternatives further, FDOT realized that there was an opportunity to tweak the LPA as the alternatives were developed. They also had third-party consultants involved, as well as Scott Seeburger, and the Central Broward East-West team to look at and review the opportunities to best integrate transit and roadway improvements in this Corridor. This resulted in three other alternatives that were evaluated—the first was a variation of the LPA (Alternative 1D), showing transit between SR 84 and main line I-595. Everything else was the same as the LPA, the two reversible lanes upgrade and the other improvements which were mentioned earlier. The second alternative also presented at the public hearing is an elevated reversal lane concept; it provides an additional reversible lane on structure in the median; with that is an opportunity to provide a direct connection to the Turnpike from these reversible lanes which was not an option under the previous alternative. Another benefit is that it eliminates the need for transit on the South side of I-595 or State Road 84.

Shown in the handout, an important point made was that the Central Broward East-West Transit within the 595 Corridor (basically from 136 Avenue to SR 7) under 1B where there is transit on the elevated structure on the outside of 595 is about \$200 million more in construction costs than putting transit on the ground underneath the structure in the median. The transit costs represented here are for the construction of the transit facility within the 595 limits, it doesn't include transit stations or drainage needs for those stations. Department of Transportation anticipates submitting the final documents this spring with approval of the PD&E phase hopefully by June of 2006. The first priority project would be phasing the project with the Turnpike interchange and working west from there to Davie, then to University Drive, then coming back in an eastbound direction.

Mr. Braun further advised that local government groups that we have spoken to are supporting this project and they realize there is a need for roadway and transit improvements and once the traffic analysis was started, we realized that a lot of these are operational and are improvements. Also FDOT met with three members of the Emergency Management Team which consisted of the Fire Chief, Florida Highway Patrol, and a representative from the Towing industry. There was some discussion about reversible lanes from members that were present. A question was asked if there were going to be stations planned along the I595 Corridor. In response, Steven Baum stated that the actual station locations were not finalized as yet. One suggestion was Plantation Midtown between University Drive and Pine Island and he advised that a presentation was made to them the day before. He also went on to speak about the Turnpike Interchange that was funded by FDOT, all three phases, but not the construction phase. Moving West the other two projects were funded in the westbound direction and the East bound projects (between Pine Island and

University Drive) for PE and right of way. He then spoke further about the funding information related to all of the projects by FDOT.

Mr. Baum pointed out that the goal, from a main line perspective, was to make sure that under the roadway improvement alternatives that we integrate transit within the Corridor. He spoke further about the three Alternatives that were presented, the Alternative 2B was eliminated. He went over the various points and information in the handouts which were given out on this project and answered some questions from the PTAC Board members.

The Committee Chair moved discussions to the next item on the agenda.

MONTHLY REPORTS
Action not required, provided for information purposes only.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

SFRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

There were no Executive Director reports/comments at this meeting.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

Wilson Fernandez: Mr. Fernandez updated Board members about the last MPO Miami-Dade Board Meeting. In reference to the South Link project, the screening analysis was completed and they wanted to advance three alternatives and drop the BMU and the short Metrorail extension project – that item was deferred for the second time. There are certain Board Members that would like to see the BMU alternative all the way through and that is something that will be coming up in January. The MPO Board did take action and approve the recommendations from the Transit Opportunity Study and were endorsed for them to move forward with project development activities for Rapid Bus Services along Biscayne Boulevard, Flagler and Kendall Drives.

A request was also made for the Agenda package to include a checklist with all the Committees and the major ongoing projects, and also to be advised and updated about the status of ongoing projects and committees. Another request was also made to get some updates from other sections, for example, the Operations Committee and Property Committees.

Jonathan Roberson announced that he has accepted a position with Broward County Transit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

There will be no meeting in January 2006. The next meeting is scheduled for February, 2006

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING: FEBRUARY 17, 2006

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

☐ Consent ☒ Regular ☐ Public Hearing

2006 PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULE

REQUESTED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE: 2006 Meeting Schedule of Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

As approved by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) Board in October 2003, the PTAC was formed to provide technical recommendations to the Board through the Executive Director on land-use and regional transportation planning issues. PTAC has been meeting bi-monthly since January 2004.

Staff request approval of the meeting schedule for calendar year 2006 to accommodate this bi-monthly meeting format and is seeking approval of the meeting schedule by the Chair.

Agency: South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Project Manager: William Cross
Chair: Randy Whitfield

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Exhibit 1: 2006 PTAC Meeting Schedule

2006 PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULE

PTAC Action:

Approved: _____ Yes _____ No

Vote: _____ Unanimous

Amended Motion:



PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) are held bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month in the Board Room of SFRTA's Administrative Office at 10:00am.

February 14, 2006

April 19, 2006

June 21, 2006

September 20, 2006

November 15, 2006

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING : FEBRUARY 14, 2006

PRESENTATION ITEM REPORT

☐ Information Item

☒ Presentation

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

A verbal report will be provided by the Chair.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING : FEBRUARY 14, 2006

PRESENTATION ITEM REPORT

☐ Information Item

☒ Presentation

BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT FUNDING INITIATIVE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

A verbal report will be provided by Ms. Lynn Everett-Lee from the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
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PRESENTATION ITEM REPORT

☐ Information Item

☒ Presentation

2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES BRIEFING

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

A verbal report will be provided by Mr. William Cross from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: 2006 State Legislative Initiatives Briefing

2006 State Legislative Initiatives Briefing

Presented to:

Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)

February 14, 2006

Presented by:

William L. Cross, P.E.

Manager of Planning and Capital Development



Summary

- ➔ September 23, 2005 RTA Board Approved
2006 State Legislative Initiatives
 - Dedicated Funding of at least \$50 million annually
 - Ask all three counties for support
 - Keep funding request general – no specific funding source



Why Dedicated Funding?

→ Federal Programs

- New Starts
- Other Programs

**Dedicated Funding
Required for Federal
Funding**

→ State (FDOT)

- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
- New Starts
- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
- Grants

**Dedicated
Funding
Increases
Priority for
State
Funding**

Funding Options

Regional Needs

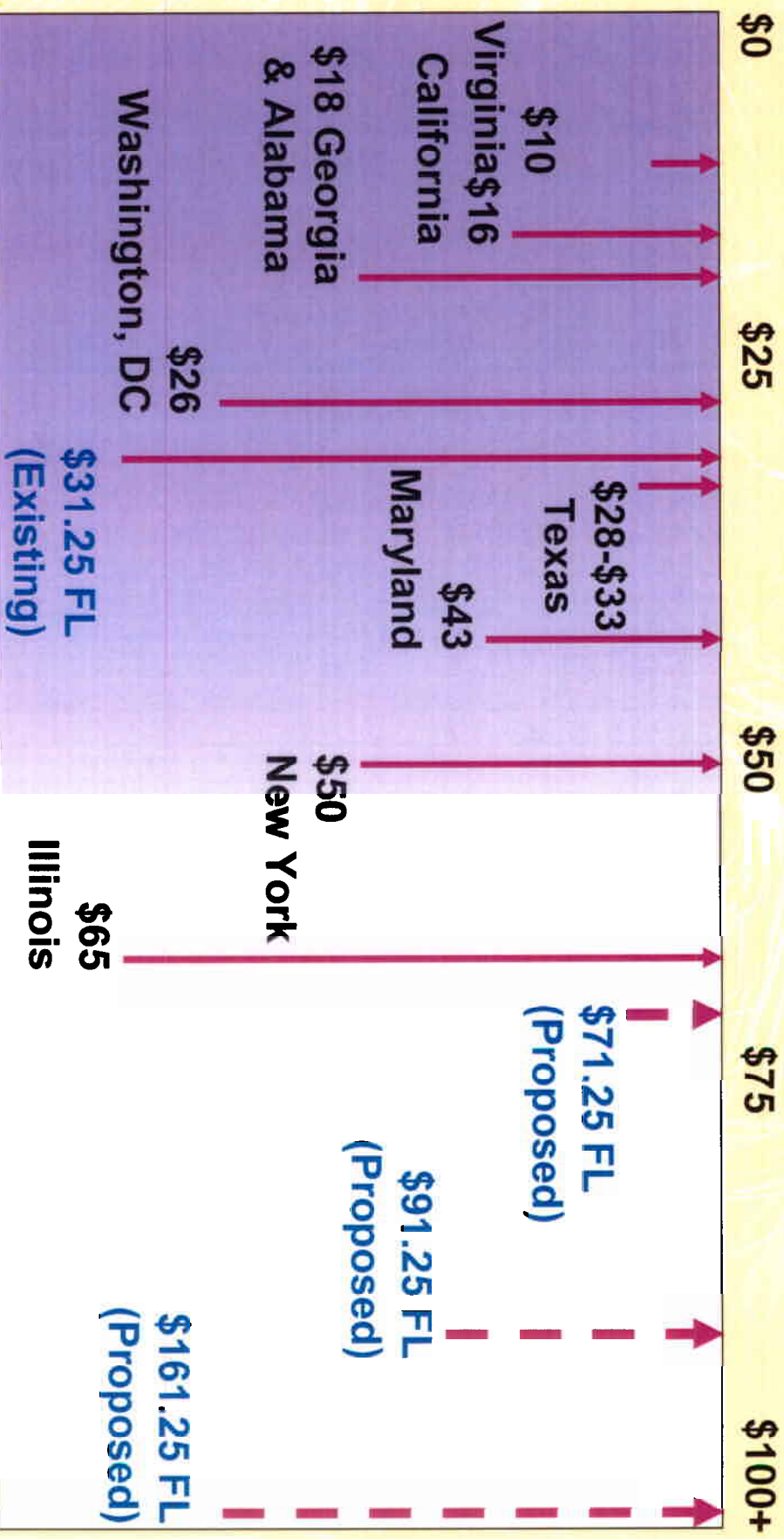
- ★ Central Broward East-West Transit
 - Dolphin Extension
- ★ Florida East Coast Corridor
 - Jupiter Extension
 - Kendall Extension
- ★ Regional Transit Oriented Development Program
 - Scripps Extension
- ★ Tri-Rail Service Enhancements

Possible SFRTA Dedicated Funding Sources

Title Fee (one time)	
New Vehicles	\$130
1997 & Newer	\$ 60
All Vehicles	\$ 40
Registration Fee (annual)	
Most Vehicles	\$ 15
Rental Car Surcharge	\$ 2
Gas Tax	\$ 0.02

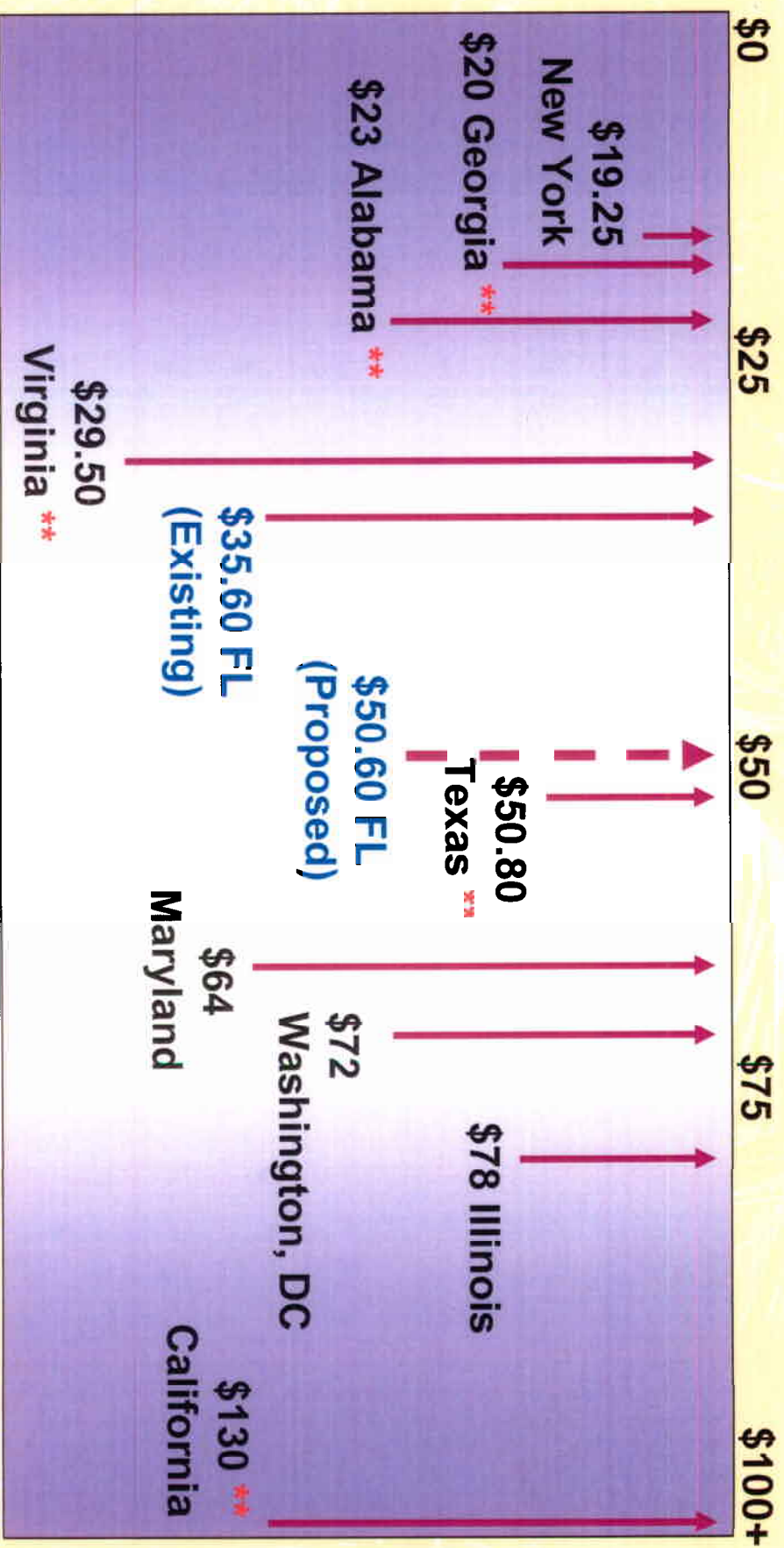
Generates \$50
Million Annually

Comparison of Annual Title Fees*



* For a typical 3,000 pound passenger vehicle with a standard license plate

Comparison of Annual Registration Fees*

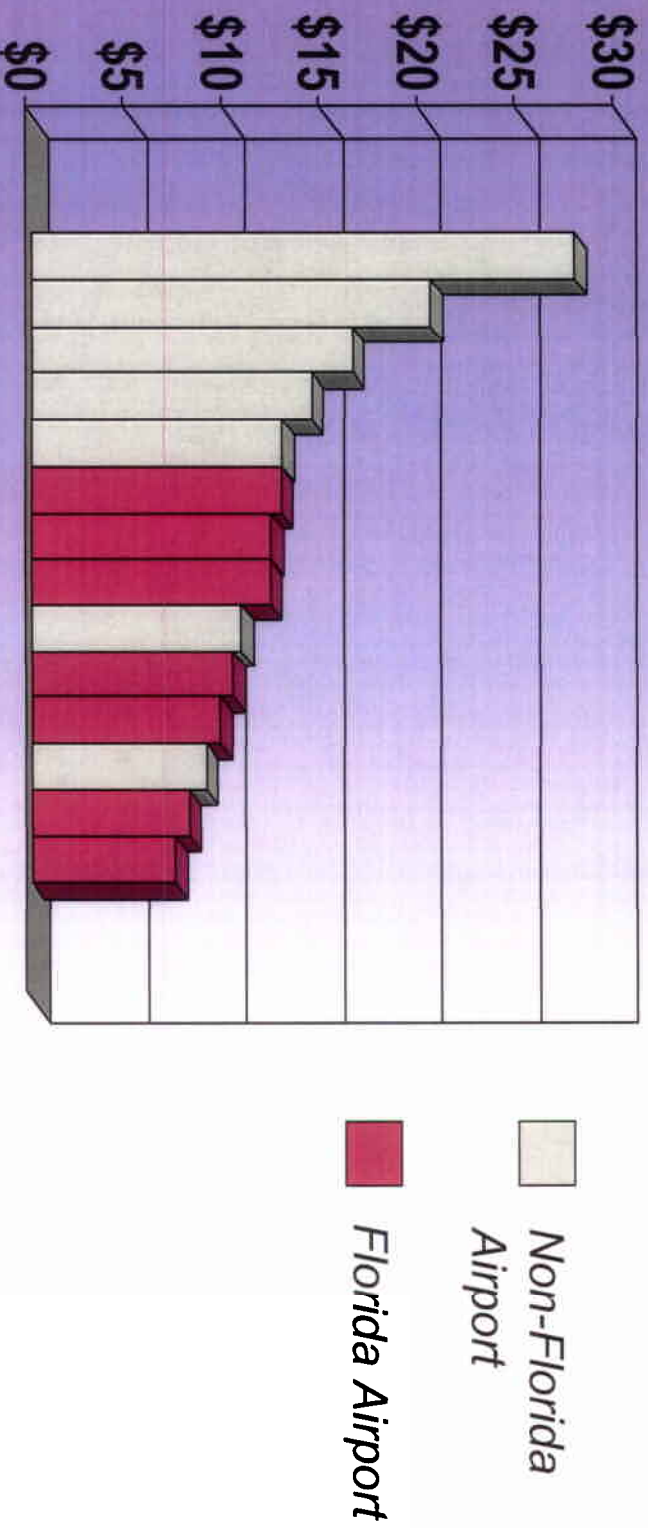


* For a typical 3,000 pound passenger vehicle with a standard license plate

** Denotes states that have an additional annual vehicular property tax

Comparison of National Airport Fees*

Airport Car Rental Fees, Surcharges, and Taxes



* For a typical one-day rental of a Standard Size 4-door Automatic vehicle.



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